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TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The twenty-eighth meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 4:30 PM, Wednesday, 18 October 1950. Present were:



Item I: The minutes of the regular meeting of 8 September 1950 were read and amended to indicate that it was agreed, subject to approval by ADSO, to refer the problem of the [redacted] vis-a-vis [redacted] to COAPS for guidance and assistance. 25X1

[redacted] Chief Signal Center, was called to the meeting to discuss the elimination of the "J" cable component and the establishment of the "FG" cable component on 19 October 1950. The stations to which these instructions were addressed was to be determined from a list of approved "G" components stations supplied by OPC. OPC found they had no such list and it was agreed to instruct the field stations on the following basis:

a. All stations presently listed by the Signal Center as "J" stations would be considered as "FG" stations and instructed accordingly.

b. Stations listed by the Signal Center as "G" stations, with exception of [redacted] would remain considered as "G" stations and instructed accordingly. These excepted stations would be considered as "FG" stations. 25X1

c. All stations presently listed by the Signal Center as "F" stations would remain as "F" stations and instructed accordingly.

Cables were prepared on the above basis.

Item II: [redacted] 25X1

As agreed at the meeting of 8 September 1950, the [redacted] negotiations were referred to COAPS on 15 September 1950. As a result, it was indicated that COAPS had to date: 25X1

a. Assigned responsibility to [redacted] to determine if any overlap existed between [redacted] and COMMO. 25X1

b. [redacted] called a meeting with [redacted] and [redacted] (OSO/COMMO) to correlate and consolidate [redacted] mobilization requirements for the area to assure that CIA requirements could be represented. 25X1

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c. [] was not prepared to present its mobilization requirements at the meeting referred to above, therefore, COAPS is awaiting [] requirements before proceeding further.

A letter from the Commanding General [] was entered into the record. This letter indicated [] considered their [] as most important and therefore, would not reverse their previous position which was blocking negotiations. This letter also stated that [] would be more than pleased to include CIA within the planned provisions for their station, so that CIA could have facilities []. Considerable discussion on this letter resulted and it was agreed that the following courses of action were available:

a. The matter could be referred to the Secretary of Defense in that it involved a difference of opinion between CIA and []

b. Accept [] offer as expressed in [] letter.

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the wisest course of action would be acceptance of [] terms. It was decided that a letter would be drafted to the [] accepting his position and indicating our willingness to withdraw from our position on the proviso that [] include CIA within their negotiations for communications rights []. A letter would also be drafted to the Secretary of State indicating our withdrawal on the [] negotiations in that our requirements would be consolidated in [] negotiations. A copy of the letter to the Secretary of State was to be transmitted to [] as an attachment.

Item III: Northwest Africa

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IV: S O Directive, []

This item carried over the next meeting.

New Business

[] requested Chief, Communications Division present an informal oral report of progress on projects within his division so that the Board may be informed. It was indicated that this was already being done, and that possibly indication of Communications Division project progress could be obtained by including [] on the Communications Division monthly progress report, which is presently submitted for ADSO only.

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[] indicated that he had several matters of new business that he would like to bring up, but due to the lateness of the hour, would bring them up at the next meeting. It was suggested and agreed that the Board should meet again on 20 October 1950, Friday, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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